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SUBJECT: KENYA-UGANDA DISPUTE FURTHER DAMAGES EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY

1. SHARPENING KENYA-UGANDA DISPUTE OVER ISRAELI COMMANDO
RAID ON ENTEBBE HAS WIDENED FISSURES IN EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY. IN ATTEMPT IMPROVE CASH FLOW TO KENYA FROM
EAST AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND ALSO POSSIBLY TO SQUEEZE
UGANDAN LIQUIDITY, KENYA WILL INSIST, AS OF JULY 22,
ON CASH PAYMENT IN KENYAN SHILLINGS FOR USE OF RAILWAYS
IN KENYA, OR ELSE PAYMENT BY DRAWDOWN AGAINST ACCOUNT
GUARANTEED BY KENYAN BANK. THIS MEANS KENYA WILL
HENCEFORTH BE REIMBURSED AT ONCE IN KENYAN SHILLINGS
FOR ANY USE OF RAILWAYS IN KENYAN REGION. THOUGH NEW
REQUIREMENT IN THEORY AFFECTS TANZANIA AS WELL, RAILWAY
SERVICES BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA WERE SUSPENDED
SOME TIME AGO, PARTLY BECAUSE RAILWAY CARS WERE
VIRTUALLY SEQUESTERED IN TANZANIA ONCE THEY ENTERED
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THAT COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO KENYAN REGIONAL MANAGER

OF RAILWAYS, KENYA'S LATEST ACTION SHOULD SAVE
COUNTRY \$5 MILLION A YEAR BY AVOIDING SUBSIDY OF
COSTS IN UGANDA.

2. IN UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT WHICH ALSO AFFECTS
COMMUNITY, COL. G.W. TOKO HAS BEEN SACKED AS DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS. SINCE THIS POSITION
TRADITIONALLY RESERVED FOR UGANDAN, TOKO SERVED AT
PLEASURE AMIN. THOUGH TOKO'S TERM OF OFFICE WAS DUE
TO EXPIRE SOON ANYWAY, HIS PREMATURE DISMISSAL AT
THIS TIME WILL FURTHER UNSETTLE MANAGEMENT OF EAA
WHICH ONLY RECENTLY BEGAN TO CLIMB OUT OF RED.
REASONS FOR FIRING APPARENTLY STEM FROM AMIN'S PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH TOKO RATHER THAN ANY DESIRE TO HURT
EAA AS SUCH.
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